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Subject: Taking account of the outermost regions' specific characteristics in the revision of State aid for air transport

The Commission has launched a revision of the guidelines on State aid in the air transport sector to take account of decarbonisation goals in particular.

The outermost regions (ORs), recognised under Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, continue to grapple with permanent structural constraints as a result of their remoteness, insularity and reliance on air transport. Air transport is essential to ensuring they remain connected to the mainland and have access to care, education, employment and local economic development.

In view of the above:

1. How does the Commission intend to ensure that the revision of the guidelines and decarbonisation objectives does not result in fewer air connections or higher travel costs for residents in the outermost regions?

2. Does it intend to maintain or adapt support mechanisms for strategic air links serving the ORs, including links with nearby third countries, as those links help open up those territories, keep them connected to the mainland and contribute to their economic development?

3. How does the Commission intend to take into account the complementary nature of certain airport infrastructure located in the ORs when that infrastructure specific access and resilience needs in those regions?

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